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1. A Soviet advance detail of one hundred to two hundred troops arrived in the "Burger Holz" (woods northeast of BURG (N 53/Y 81)) in June 1949.
2. Columns totaling more than 150 motor vehicles, mostly passenger cars, arrived in these woods between 15 and 20 July 1949. The passenger cars were almost exclusively large modern sedans. No heavy weapons were observed with the motor columns. They approached the woods from the BERLIN Highway. The arriving troops totaled between six hundred and one thousand.
3. A courier airfield which had been established about a half-mile northeast of BURG was repeatedly used by single-engine biplanes between 18 and 27 July 1949. The field was about 1,600 feet square. The landing T and the parking area for biplanes were in the southeastern corner of the field. Six aircraft were observed, with numerical designations between 2 and 11.
4. An overhead, two-wire telephone line had been strung from the forester's house to the BERLIN Highway and connected with the telephone lines along the highway.
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6. The motor columns left the described training area, going toward ~~LA HABLING~~ (M 33/Y 30), between 1 a.m. and noon on 28 July 1949. Sixty large passenger cars, driven by soldiers with motor transport insignia on their epaulets, were observed between 10:30 a.m. and noon.

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7. An abatis which had been constructed at the forester's house was removed and replaced by a barrier. The overhead, twin-wire telephone line was taken down, and the improvised airfield was abandoned. A rear detail of about a hundred troops and passenger car 78-30-33 remained in the training area.

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8. The entire area of the "Burger Holz" was vacated by 2 August 1949.

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Comment: The staff field exercise in the area northeast of TULL was well prepared, as indicated by the above report. It may be considered a command-post exercise by unit headquarters of the Third and the Fourth Gds Lecz Army (Cadre) with high ranking officers of HQ Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG) participating. Following the exercise, a critique is believed to have been held in LAHESBURG. According to the motor vehicles mentioned in the report, elements of the following units participated:

Hq Third Gds Lecz Army (Cadre)
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 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) and 9th Lecz Div (Cadre)
 6th and 7th Gds Lecz Divs (Cadre) and 10th Gds Tank Div (Cadre)
 Arm. unit (Div.) of the Fourth Gds Lecz Army (Cadre)
 HQ Sixteenth Air Army and the headquarters of the two
 fighter corps
 Command echelon GOFG.

Personnel of the 14th Gds Lecz Div (Cadre), the 6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) and the 25th Tank Div (Cadre) may also have participated in the command-post exercise, although no motor vehicle numbers of these units were reported.

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